



Lessons & Carols

December 24, 2023

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Christmas Eve Service

6:00 p.m.

December 24, 2023

Prelude *Adagio from Clarinet Concerto, K. 622* W. A. Mozart

Introit Peace, Peace Fred Bock

Call to Worship

One: An unmarried teenage girl was invited —

All: **to carry Christ into this world.**

One: An ordinary carpenter was invited —

All: **to be a father to a child unlike any other.**

One: The shepherds were invited —

All: **outcast and isolated, included at the manger.**

One: The Magi were invited —

All: **foreigners and seekers, included at the manger.**

One: And if she was invited, and he was invited, and they were invited —

All: **then we can trust that we too are invited.**

One: This story is for us.

All: **This love is for us.**

One: Family of faith, this is our invitation. Welcome home.

All: **Amen.**

*Carol #41 (verses 1, 3)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

The Advent Wreath

Jeff and Patti Lawton

Prayer

Larry Vilaro

*Carol #44 (verse 1 only)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Lee Duffus

Carol #48

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Second Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-6

Charlie May

Carol #9 (verse 1, 2)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Third Lesson	Luke 1:26-35, 38	Michael Christie
Fourth Lesson	Matthew 1:18-25	Elizabeth Bunch
Fifth Lesson	Matthew 2:7-12	George Bunch
*Carol #56 (vs 1, 2, 6)		<i>The First Noel</i>
Sixth Lesson	Luke 2:1-7	Ellen Bauerle
Carol #37 (verse 1 only)		<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>
Seventh Lesson	Luke 2:8-20	Debbie Bates
Carol #53		<i>What Child is This?</i>
Eighth Lesson	I Timothy 1:15-17	Jeff Lawton
*Hymn of Celebration #40 (verse 1 & 4)		<i>Joy to the World</i>
Meditation		Larry Vilaro
Anthem	<i>Et in Terra Pax</i>	John Purifoy
The Lighting of the Candles		
*Closing Hymn (lyrics on back page)		Silent Night
*Blessing (outside)		

**We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.*

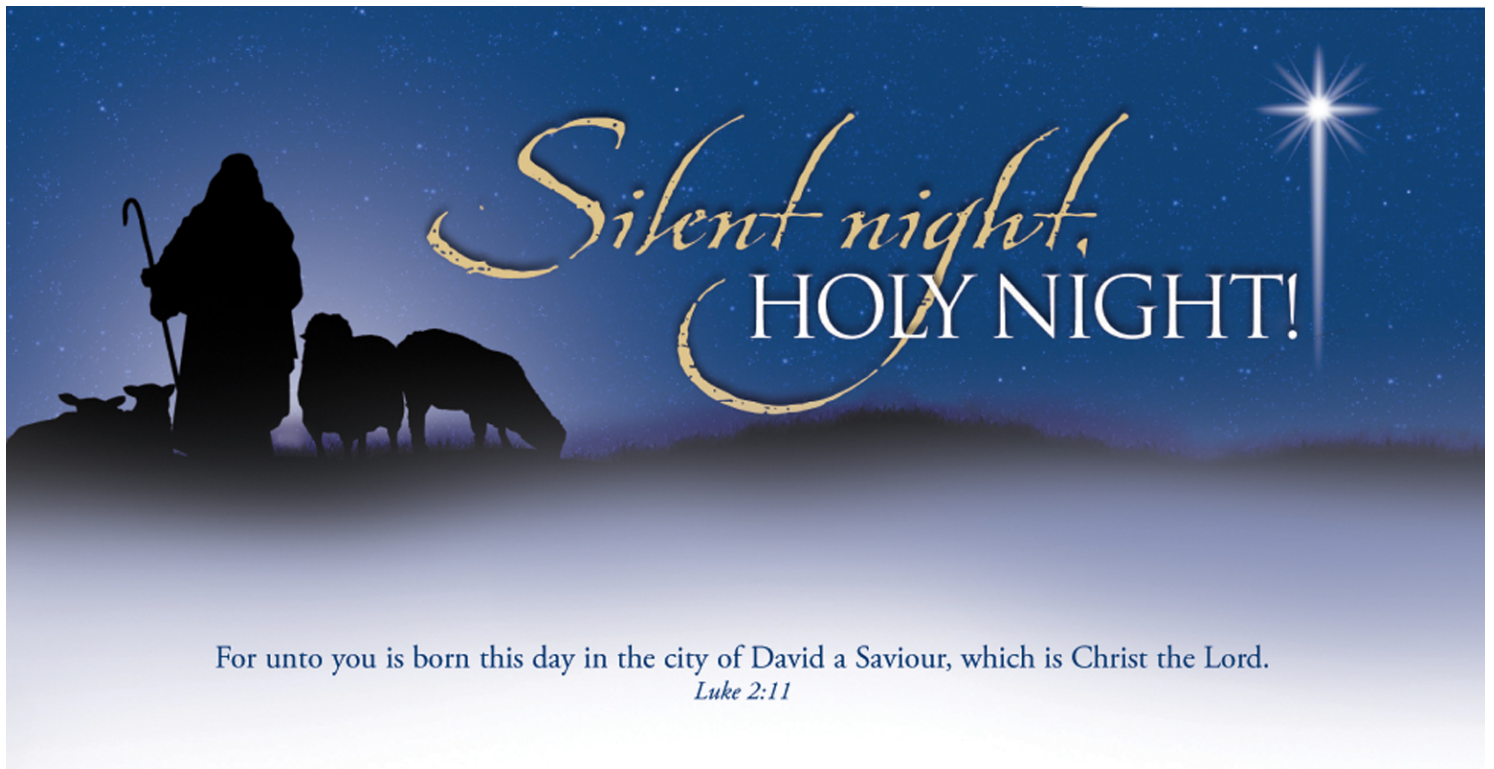
Worship Leaders

Pastor: Larry Vilaro

Organist/Choir Director: Nicki Kerns



If you ordered a memorial poinsettia, please take it home tonight.



1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."
3. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at They birth.
4. Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.